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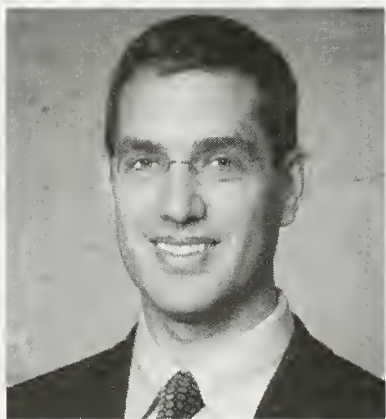
An opportunity to join together as a congregation

As the programming year heads towards summer, we can reflect on many successes. Our focus on Israel was felt with a first-class Shabbaton, Yom Ha'atzmaut celebrations as well as ongoing and developing commitments to Hebrew language learning, Israel advocacy and beyond. Debbie and I are very much looking forward to the PAS young family mission next month, and plans are beginning for another PAS Israel trip in December.

It is not always easy to know exactly how to respond to events in Israel. This spring has raised provocative conversations for American Jewry, Israel and the relationship between the two. With regard to religious pluralism, we continue to be reminded that the freedoms we enjoy as liberal Jews in America are not the norm in Israel. As a Conservative Jew, I am stung by the realization that the Judaism that I preach and practice here is not legitimized by the very State that means so much to me. Indeed, one of challenges of our age is to find a way to make sure that Israel continues to be a homeland for ALL Jews, and that our voice is heard. We need to learn how to embrace Israel in its entirety and at the same time prod it towards embracing all of Diaspora Jewry in all of its manifold expressions.

On the political front, this spring has been, without a doubt, a testing time. Differences of opinion between the American and Israeli administrations on the issue of Jerusalem have placed a strain – perceived or real – on the relationship between the two countries. American Jews, perhaps more than anyone else, have felt anxiety as a result of these sometimes contentious public discussions.

Neither of the above issues will be resolved easily. The



tensions they present have been around for many years, and may well continue for the foreseeable future. For the sixty-plus years of Israel's existence, American Jewry has wrestled with complex questions arising from our unflagging support for a Jewish State whose Judaism occurs on terms different than our own, as well as the challenge of how to be unwavering in our loyalty to both America and Israel when the two nations do not see eye to eye.

I think that a Diaspora Jew's relationship with Israel, like any of the profound relationships in our lives, requires a combination of subtlety and steadfastness. Our devotion and commitment need not be diminished by our insistence on engaging in thoughtful dialogue. My loyalty to Israel is not shaken by my recognition of her imperfections; my Zionism remains dogged even as I seek to effect change in the relationship between Diaspora Jewry and Israel.

This year, I hope to end our Israel programming year in this spirit. Whether you are on the political right or the left, in favor of one policy or another, I ask you to join the New York Pro-Israel community on Sunday May 23 at the annual UJA Salute to Israel Parade. It is an incredibly important statement to the world community to come out and show your support for Israel. Details of the day are still forthcoming as I write, but I ask you to block off the day right now and to commit to walking up Fifth Avenue with PAS. It will be an opportunity to join together as a congregation and show the world that we stand with Israel. It will also be a time to connect with our community, enjoy a beautiful day and cap off an outstanding year of synagogue life.

Please see the synagogue website or www.salutetoisrael.com for more information on how to get involved.

Informational meetings about the December Israel trip will take place at 7:30 pm on Thursday, May 6; Wednesday, May 12; and Tuesday, May 25. Watch your email and www.pasyn.org for locations.

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Kabed et avikha v'et imekha

The month of May brings, along with warm weather, the Hallmark-driven holiday of Mother's Day on the second Sunday in May. And Dads have their day coming up on the third Sunday in June. Each of these days became etched into the fabric of Americana by presidential proclamation. President Woodrow Wilson declared Mother's Day in 1914. President Richard Nixon declared Father's Day in 1972. How do we observe these two special days? We go to department stores and boutiques and buy gifts for our parents. We treat the family to Sunday brunch or fire up the grill on Sunday afternoon.

Judaism has its own version of Mother's Day and Father's Day. Rather than one day in May or June, we observe Parents' Day every day. Rather than a presidential proclamation, we are commanded by God to *kabed et avikha v'et imekha* – honor your father and your mother – and *imo v'aviv tira'u* – an individual's mother and father are to be revered. Given that Bloomingdale's did not open its doors until 1886, how does Jewish tradition teach us to honor and revere our parents?

Maimonides, the great medieval scholar, suggested that *reverence* requires that a child not stand in the place a parent usually stands, not contradict the words of a parent, nor decide against a parent's opinion, nor call a parent by their first name. *Honor*, on the other hand, implies providing food, clothing, and shelter to a



parent who cannot or is no longer able to provide them for him or herself. A parent must be supported in accordance with their needs and the ability of their child/ren.

In his book, *Family Redeemed*, Rabbi Joseph Soloveichik understands reverence as the “*halakhic* etiquette which regulates the formal relationships between parent and child, even though this particular decorum is not correlated with an inner feeling” (130ff). What, then, does it mean to honor one's parents? Food, clothing, and shelter are nice, but this describes something

that sounds like welfare service. Honor must include some inner experience, what Soloveichik calls “the tender love and compassion” that we show towards our parents. This experience is one that *causes* physical support but is much deeper.

The feeling that Soloveichik calls “relatedness and identification” takes us to a different level of understanding this *mitzvah*. This inner experience of what we feel towards our parents motivates our outward experience. It is with this feeling in our hearts that we should approach not only the nationally celebrated Mother's Day and Father's Day, but every day. Whether with our own parents or with our children, may we all be blessed with creating positive relationships and positive memories centered around honor and reverence.



If you would like PAS clergy to officiate at a lifecycle event, please speak to a Rabbi before finalizing the time. The Rabbis, Cantors, and entire PAS community are here for you; allow us to be a part of your lives. Please contact the Rabbis' Office at 212-369-2600, x120.

Events אירועים

News from Cantor Abramson & Cantor Rozenfeld

The Cantors Assembly Convention and Concert

The Cantors Assembly Convention will be held in New York City on May 3 – 6. Many of the sessions will take place here at Park Avenue Synagogue, including a concert on Wednesday evening, May 5, at 7:30 pm. This concert will present new musical compositions for the recently released Rabbinical Assembly Mahzor (High Holy prayer book), and will also feature HaZamir, the National Jewish High School Choir. The concert is open to all PAS members.

For a full listing of the Convention schedule, go to www.cantors.org.

News from Marga Hirsch

Jewish Book Council Conference — Meet the Authors

The Jewish Book Council will hold its annual conference at PAS on Sunday, May 23 – Tuesday, May 25. The JBC invites PAS members to attend the author events featuring 40-50 authors each evening. From 5:00 – 7:00 pm, each author speaks for two minutes; from 7:00 – 8:30 pm there is a reception with opportunities to meet the authors.

The Narrative, the Budget, and More

Steven M. Friedman
Chairman of Park Avenue Synagogue

When we will gather for our Annual Congregational Meeting on May 13, the membership will be asked to vote for an extension of Rabbi Cosgrove's contract for a five-year term through June 2015. This term is the maximum permitted under the bylaws and is based on a unanimous recommendation of the Board of Trustees after a thorough review process. We will also welcome new Board of Trustees and Advisory Council members and thank those who are concluding their years of service, and approve our annual budget. Rabbi Cosgrove and I both will have an opportunity to comment on this past year and our outlook and plans for the future.

The broad discussion among your leadership is focused on the creation of the "narrative" or "torah" of Park Avenue Synagogue. In a recent sermon, Rabbi Cosgrove raised the issue: "How do we identify the distinctive and essential features that make us who we are? And what practices reflect a sensibility whose time has passed and which may actually impede the present and future vitality of our faith? This is without a doubt a very exciting time for our community, of great strength, but also for great reflection and transformation. What is the narrative of Park Avenue Synagogue, what exactly is our distinctive torah, how do we define ourselves within our four walls and in the landscape of NYC and North American Jewish life?"

While our mission remains to be a spiritual, intellectual, and cultural center for our membership, we must translate these words into actions. Our spiritual and intellectual splendor was at its finest this year at Festival and Shabbat services, at the Shabbaton, and throughout the initial year of the Melton adult learning program. Our community events such as the Cantors Concert, Purim spiel, Gala, and Mitzvah Day drew record attendance and support. Enrollment at our schools is near capacity. Each Bar and



Bat Mitzvah student was spectacular.

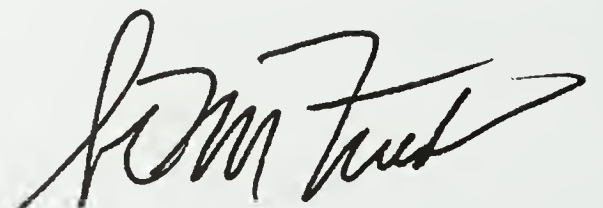
But our work is not complete. The Board has undertaken plans to restructure all our educational activities in a centralized manner, and our clergy is constantly examining ways to continue to meet congregants' spiritual and participatory needs at every service and life cycle event. We will unveil a new web site shortly. Ultimately our "narrative" is to be respectful and protective of our wise and proud Jewish traditions while making the intellectual, spiritual,

and cultural splendor of our faith as accessible as possible to our ever-growing community.

Our budget reflects this direction in terms of staffing, programs, web access, and capital resources. I encourage everyone to review the summary budget when it is mailed and to attend our Congregational meeting. Dues and tuitions will increase modestly and we will continue to rely on the generosity of our membership to achieve a balanced budget. Your synagogue continues to monitor its revenues and expenses carefully and our endowment has been preserved through the recent economic environment.

As you may already know, Rosh Hashanah begins on the Wednesday evening after Labor Day this year. The timing creates some difficulty in allowing our office to process the receipts of dues from current members, so that we can fulfill the ever-growing list of requests for seats at our High Holy Day services. For this reason, we will mail the billing for dues in mid-May with a return date of no later than July 1, 2010. This schedule will allow us to try to accommodate each and every one of our members, as the only way we know that members intend to renew their seats is when they have paid their dues.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, thank you for a wonderful year and for being a member of this inspiring community.



128th Annual Congregational Meeting | Thursday, May 13 | 7:00 pm

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation shall be held each year during the month of May at the time and place in the Borough of Manhattan, City of New York, fixed by the Board. (Park Avenue Synagogue By-laws, Article X, Section 1)

www.pasyn.org

Click to learn about classes, events, organizations, meetings, and other important community news. Find contact information for clergy & staff. Read our Rabbis' Shabbat sermons. Subscribe to our email list.

Special Services

Saturday, May 1 11 Iyyar

Parashat Emor

- 9:15 am | **Sanctuary Shabbat Service**
Bat Mitzvah of Hanna Usdan,
daughter of Andrea & Adam
Usdan
- 10:15 am | **Iyyun Tefillah**
- 10:15 am | **Jr. Congregation**
- 10:15 am | **Nitzanim**
- 11:15 am | **Pre-K Shabbat**
- 11:15 am | **Tot Shabbat**

Friday, May 7 23 Iyyar

Candle lighting, 7:39 pm

- 6:15 pm | **Musical Kabbalat Shabbat**

Saturday, May 8 24 Iyyar

Parashat B'har-B'hukotai

- 9:15 am | **Sanctuary Shabbat Service**
Bat Mitzvah of Allison Shapiro,
daughter of Deborah & Steven
Shapiro
Bat Mitzvah of Joely Winnick,
daughter of Deanne & Charles
Winnick
- 9:30 am | **Havurah**
- 10:15 am | **Shabbat B'Yachad**

Friday, May 14 1 Sivan

Candle lighting, 7:46 pm

Rosh Hodesh

- 7:00 am | **Morning Minyan**
- 6:15 pm | **Friday Evening Service
with Children's
Birthday Blessings**

Saturday, May 15 2 Sivan

Parashat B'midbar

- 9:15 am | **Sanctuary Shabbat Service**
Bar Mitzvah of Joshua
Liebhaber, son of Lisa Beth &
Andrew Liebhaber
Bar Mitzvah of Andrew Penn,
son of Ilene & Art Penn
- 9:30 am | **Havurah**
- 10:15 am | **Jr. Congregation**

Tuesday, May 18 5 Sivan

Erev Shavuot

- 7:45 pm | **Yom Tov Evening Service
& Rabbi Judah Nadich HS
Graduation, followed by a
light dairy dinner**
See page 11.
- 9:00 pm | **Tikkun Leil Shavuot
(Evening of Study)**
See page 11.

Wednesday, May 19 6 Sivan

Shavuot

- 9:15 am | **Yom Tov Service**
- 10:30 am | **Shavuot Service &
Celebration for Families with
Young Children**

Thursday, May 20 7 Sivan

Shavuot

- 9:15 am | **Yom Tov Service, including
Yizkor**

Friday, May 21 8 Sivan

Candle lighting, 7:53 pm

- 5:00 pm | **Tiny Treasures Friday
Evening Service & Dinner for
Families with Young Children**
- 6:15 pm | **Friday Evening Service**

Saturday, May 22 9 Sivan

Parashat Naso

- 9:15 am | **Sanctuary Shabbat Service**
Bat Mitzvah of Isabella Brodie,
daughter of Renee & Steven
Brodie

Friday, May 28 16 Sivan

Candle lighting, 7:59 pm

- 6:15 pm | **Friday Evening Service**

Saturday, May 29 16 Sivan

Parashat B'ha'alot'kha

- 9:15 am | **Sanctuary Shabbat Service**
Bar Mitzvah of
Max Silverstone,
son of Heidi & Rob Silverstone

Saturday, May 1 | 10:15 – 11:15 am

Iyyun Tefillah עיון תפילה

Delve into the siddur and learn how the traditional Jewish prayer book can be a spiritual resource. Discover aspects of the Shabbat morning liturgy from the perspective of the Bible, theological reflections, history, mystical perspectives, *halakhah*, and more.

Saturday, May 8, 15 | 9:30 am

Havurah חבורה

The Havurah is an informal, lay-led Shabbat morning service held in the Rothschild Library. People of all ages and skill levels attend and take turns leading and reading parts of the service.

Friday, May 14 | 6:15 pm

Birthday Blessings ברכות

This family service includes Shabbat blessings, a small gift for birthday children, and a festive kiddush.

For information, contact the Rabbis' office at 212-369-2600, x120.

Friday, May 21 | 5:00 pm | \$ ©

**Shabbat Service & Dinner
for Families with Young Children
Tiny Treasures**

At our annual "Tiny Treasures" celebration, we welcome all our youngest members – babies born during the past year. All families with children ages 0–6 are invited to join our clergy for this family-friendly Kabbalat Shabbat service. Register in advance to stay for a child-friendly buffet dinner and a short program.

\$ © RSVP by Monday, May 17. Email lifelonglearning@pasyn.org with full names of all attendees, ages of children, and authorization to bill your account. Non-members must pay in advance to hold space. Cancellations with refund (or credit toward another dinner) until noon on Tuesday, May 18. Cost: \$35/members, \$45/non-members, \$15/children. Space is limited for dinner.

Note: Minha Service on Shabbat (Saturday) and Festivals begins 20 minutes after the end of the morning service.

Rabbi Elliot J. Cosgrove and Rabbi Steven I. Rein will preach and conduct the services together with Cantor Nancy Abramson, Cantor Elana Rozenfeld and the Synagogue Choir, with Neil Robinson at the organ. **Daily minyanim** Monday – Friday at 7:15 am; Sunday and legal holidays at 9:00 am. **Minha/Ma'ariv** Sunday – Thursday at 5:45 pm; Shabbat (Saturday) and Festivals, 20 minutes after end of morning service. Any time changes are noted above. Information is subject to change. Confirm with the Synagogue office or at www.pasyn.org.

בני מצוה B'nei Mitzvah

Hanna Usdan | May 1

Hanna is in 7th grade at The Dalton School, where she plays on the basketball team and the softball team. Hanna enjoys playing piano, making music videos and spending time with her friends and family. She loves spending her summers at Camp Pinecliffe in Harrison, Maine.

Hanna began her Park Avenue Synagogue education at the Early Childhood Center at age two and then continued in the Congregational School. She looks forward to traveling to Israel someday with her family. She thinks that



would be a great learning experience.

Hanna would like to thank Ron Koas Cantor Rozenfeld, Cantor Abramson, Rabbi Rein, Rabbi Cosgrove, and her parents for helping her prepare for her Bat Mitzvah and for guiding her Jewish education.

Allison (Allie) Jamie Shapiro | May 8

Allie Shapiro has been a member of Park Avenue Synagogue her whole life. She attended preschool at the Early Childhood Center and is now in 6th grade at the Abraham Joshua Heschel Middle School. She spends summers at Camp Modin in Belgrade, Maine. Allie is involved in student government and loves tennis, basketball, and singing. The activity she enjoys most is cooking; she tirelessly bakes cakes for all of her friends' and family members' birthdays.

Allie is an energetic, effervescent, adventurous, outgoing



girl. She prides herself on being a fantastic granddaughter, daughter, sister to Talia and Sophie, cousin and friend. She puts her heart and soul into everything she does and she is never without a smile.

Allie and her family thank Cantor Abramson, Rabbi Rein and Rabbi Cosgrove for helping her prepare for her Bat Mitzvah. Allie and her family especially thank her tutor, Rivka Soloway, the head of Judaic Studies at Heschel, who has been an inspiration and a source of constant encouragement to Allie.

Joely Winnick | May 8

Joely's connection to Park Avenue Synagogue began with her baby naming in April of 1997 and has continued with her religious school education from kindergarten through today.

She is a 7th grader at Birch Wathen Lenox where her favorite subjects are English and Spanish. This year she played on her school's track and basketball teams.

Joely is an outgoing and thoughtful girl who loves nothing more than spending time with her friends. She has spent the



last five summers doing just this at Tripp Lake Camp, where she loves to play tennis, water ski and take photography.

Joely would like to thank the clergy and her teachers for helping her prepare to become a Bat Mitzvah. She also couldn't have achieved this goal without the love and support of her grandparents, parents and sister Hillary.

Joshua Liebhaber | May 15

Joshua began his education at Park Avenue Synagogue's Early Childhood Center at age three and has continued his Jewish education at the Congregational School.

As a 7th grader at Columbia Preparatory School, Josh is a hard working student who enjoys learning Global History, English and foreign languages. An avid athlete, he plays lacrosse and tennis and looks forward to a great season as a member of the CP baseball team.

Josh is a wonderful son and a kind older brother to his



sister Sari. A devoted Yankees fan, Josh has fond memories of family time at Yankee Stadium and vacations to other baseball parks across the country.

One of Josh's gifts is his impressive ability to build and fix things. With that skill in mind, he wants to help rebuild homes in Haiti and Chile. He plans to support Habitat for Humanity with a portion of his Bar Mitzvah gifts.

Josh thanks the clergy, teachers and staff at PAS for their guidance and wisdom over the years, especially in helping him become a Bar Mitzvah.

Andrew Penn | May 15

Andrew has always considered PAS to be an important part of his life. His education began at the Early Childhood Center and has continued in the Congregational School. He was glad to be a part of the PAS congregational trip to Israel, which had a meaningful impact on him, and helped him to understand what it means to be part of the world Jewish community.

A 7th grader at Trinity School, Andrew especially enjoys history and science. He is an enthusiastic member of the



tennis, wrestling and cross country teams, and is a competitive USTA tournament tennis player. During his summers at Kenmont Camp, he enjoys sports and just having a good time.

Andrew is a devoted son, wonderful brother and loyal friend. He would like to thank everyone at PAS for inspiring him and helping him to prepare for this milestone in his life.

Isabella Brodie | May 22

Isabella is in the 7th grade at Horace Mann and has been a student there since nursery school. She has successfully avoided participation in contact sports, but likes to play tennis and golf. Isabella spends a lot of her free time developing her art skills; she really enjoys painting and designing clothes. She also likes to play the guitar, listen to music, attend rock concerts, cook and travel.

Isabella started in the PAS Congregational School in first grade and has especially enjoyed learning Hebrew and about



Jewish history. Isabella visited Israel for the first time three years ago and looks forward to going back.

Isabella has always enjoyed participating in non-profit activities, including delivering holiday food packages to elderly Jews in the Bronx and visiting and volunteering in many of the programs run by The Educational Alliance on the Lower East Side.

She would like to thank her teachers at PAS and the clergy for helping her prepare for her Bat Mitzvah.

Max Silverstone | May 29

Max attended PS 290 and is now a 7th grader at Columbia Prep. He enjoys acting, playing guitar, rock concerts, baseball, football, hiking, bird-watching, making people laugh, anything chocolate and anything Springsteen. Max attends Camp Ramah in the Berkshires.

Max attended the ECC and Congregational School and plans to study at the Rabbi Judah Nadich Hebrew HS. He regularly attended Tot Shabbat and Nitzanim and now enjoys leading prayers at Kabbalat Shabbat and on Shabbat mornings. He especially enjoys the bowties at kiddush. For years Max collected the candy on the bimah to share with



fellow congregants. He knew everyone's favorite flavor. He is passing on this tradition to the next generation. Max is an avid participant in the Salute to Israel Parade and traveled to Israel with PAS in 2004.

Every Tuesday Max tutors students in the Congregational School. He has learned how difficult, yet how rewarding, teaching is. Max is a PAS Food Pantry volunteer. He enjoys working with the other volunteers and considers it a privilege to interact with the food pantry clients.

Max thanks his family, his teachers, and particularly the clergy, for helping him prepare to become a Bar Mitzvah.

מזל טוב Mazal Tov

Mazal tov to **Cantor Nancy Abramson** on being re-elected for a second one-year term as Vice President at Large of the Cantors Assembly. The Cantors Assembly is the professional organization of Conservative cantors world-wide, and Cantor Abramson is the first woman in the Assembly's history to hold an office.

Celebrating a simha?

A birthday, anniversary, engagement, wedding, new grandchild, or anything else for which you are grateful? Sponsor a breakfast *kiddush* any weekday after the morning *minyan*.

For more information, contact Lynn Schneider at 212-369-2600, x105 or lschneider@pasyn.org.

ברוכים הבאים Welcome

Park Avenue Synagogue warmly welcomes these new members to our congregational family:

Bernice Banschick
Robert & Jan Gilman
David & Dara Hammerman
David Ishayik
Steven & Kristen Nitsberg
Adam & Marni Pinkow

David Rosensweet & Stephanie Bronstein
Neal & Yona Rosenberg
Daniel Simon & Jessica Feldman
Barry & Donna Slotnick
Sanford & Jennifer Smokler
Tony Uzan & Sandy Gelbard-Uzan

המקום ינחם אתכם Condolences

The PAS community mourns the loss of members and extends condolences to members on their losses:

Patricia and Alan Davidson *on the loss of her brother, Paul Baris.*

Family and friends of Mary Barnett.

Caroline & Michael Gottschalk *on the loss of her father, Allan H. Bergman.*

Family and friends of Ruth Brause.

Lori & Patrick Fodale *on the loss of her father, Martin Fainblatt.*

Deborah & Steven Shapiro *on the loss of her father, Dr. Michael Freedman.*

Corinne & George McCormack *on the loss of her father, Edwin Futterman.*

Morrie & Beth Kleinbart *on the loss of his father, David Kleinbart.*

Laureine & David Greenbaum *on the loss of her mother, Ruth Knight.*

Leona Leon *on the loss of her husband, Alexander Leon.*

Craig Seitel, Max Seitel, and Eddie & Vivian Fisher *on the loss of their wife, mother, and sister, Dr. Andrea Seitel.*

Jayne Thylan & Larry Nussbaum *on the loss of her father, Ben Thylan.*



Social Work Support for PAS Families and their Caregivers

Are you or a family member looking for companionship, shopping assistance, an escort to a medical appointment, volunteer opportunities or caregiver support? We are partnering with DOROT as beneficiaries of a UJA-Federation Partners in Caring grant, to provide on-site, licensed social work assistance to senior members of our community and their families. Katie Weinberger, LMSW, holds office hours at PAS on Thursdays from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

For more information or to make an appointment,

contact Katie at 212-769-2850 or kweinberger@dorotusa.org, or Rabbi Rein at srein@pasyn.org or at 212-369-2600, x124.

Employment and career counseling, financial consultation, debt counseling, budget assistance, legal services and personal counseling

These services are available to individuals in the Jewish community (confidentially and at no charge) through UJA-Federation's Connect-to-Care initiative. This special program was launched in response to the recent economic downturn.

To reach a Connect-to-Care counselor,
please call (212) 399-2685, x206.

Do you know someone ill,
elderly or homebound?

The PAS **Bikur Cholim Caring Committee** reaches out to those in need through telephone calls, visits, and holiday packages. The Caring Committee's trained volunteers are committed to providing confidential hands-on support and companionship to the members of our congregation.

To arrange for this mitzvah, please call Rabbi Cosgrove's office at 212-369-2600, x120. In loving memory of Dr. Albert and Phyllis L. Cornell.

An integrated list of opportunities for adult learning and programs at PAS Classes and events with no other sponsor listed are offered by the Department of Lifelong Learning. For complete information about classes and events, including registration information, please refer to the *Winter/Spring 2010/5770 Program Calendar* or to the PAS website, www.pasyn.org.

Monday

5:00 pm | May 3 | **Understanding the Siddur** | C. E. Rozenfeld
 6:30 pm | May 10, 17 | **Torah Reading** | C. E. Rozenfeld
 6:30 pm | **Beginning Siddur Hebrew** | D. Mann
 6:30 pm | **Beginning Conversational Hebrew** | Z. Rothschild
 6:30 pm | **Intermediate Conversational Hebrew** | V. Nissan
 7:30 pm | **Advanced Conversational Hebrew** | V. Hubara

Tuesday

8:00 am | **Essential Essays** | R. Cosgrove
 11:30 am | **Contemporary Jewish Thought** | R. Rein
 6:30 pm | May 4, 11 | **The Evolution of Prophecy** | R. Joseph Brodie | \$ ☺
 7:45 pm | May 4, 11 | **The Laws of Shabbat** | R. Julia Andelman | \$ ☺

☺ These are the final two classes of 4-session series.

To learn whether or not you may still join, contact R. Julia Andelman at jandelman@pasyn.org or 212-369-2600, x142.

Wednesday

6:45 pm | May 5, 12, 26 | **Melton Adult Mini-School**

Thursday

9:15 am | May 6, 13, 27 | **Melton Adult Mini-School**

12:00 noon | **Lunch & Learn*** | PAS Senior Staff

*Lunch & Learn Special Session May 6: Jewish Themes in Classical Music with Fredric LeVine. With recordings and performance on the piano, Fred will introduce you to an unsuspected aspect of classical music and opera.

Friday

8:00 am | **Talmud Torah** | R. Rein

Shabbat/Saturday

8:45 am | **Parashat Hashavua**

Weekly & Biweekly Classes

Special Classes

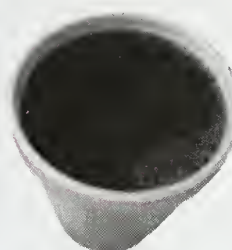
Monthly/Bimonthly



A Taste of Melton | Thursday, May 6 | 7:00 – 8:30 pm | ☺

Come hear what the buzz is about! Rabbi Shmuel Afek – one of our popular Melton teachers – will teach a sample lesson representative of the Melton curriculum and approach, and Rabbi Julia Andelman will explain the specifics of the program and answer questions. Light refreshments will be provided. No charge.

PAS launched a new site of the Florence Melton Adult Mini-School last fall, and almost 90 students will soon complete their first year of the 2-year program. A new Year 1 class will begin next fall. FMAMS provides an opportunity to engage in serious, ongoing Jewish study. More than 18,000 adult learners have participated in this international program designed by expert educators at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. Its goal is to build Jewish literacy through a sophisticated, intellectually stimulating 2-year curriculum for students of all levels and types of Jewish background. The course meets for 30 sessions each year; each session is comprised of two 1-hour classes with a 15-minute break in between. There are no tests or homework. Come see if Melton is right for you!



Caffeine for the Soul: Morning Torah Study with Rabbi Cosgrove

Thursday, May 6 | 9:15 – 10:00 am | ☺

Join Rabbi Cosgrove for text study and discussion over coffee. Whether you're coming from ECC drop-off, going from the gym to work, or making this your first stop of the day, come for a substantive and engaging learning experience with other members of the PAS community.

☺ RSVP to lifelonglearning@pasyn.org.

Horim 101 | Thursday, May 13, 27

3:00 – 4:30 pm Rabbi Steven Rein | ☺

Members and non-members are invited to come for support and advice on common concerns of new parents (horim in Hebrew), as well as on how to integrate Judaism into your child's life from the start. Coordinated by new moms Donna Ellenbogen and Carolyn Shapiro.

☺ RSVP to Craig Demarest at cdemarest@pasyn.org or 212-369-2600, x111.

Women's Torah Study

Group | Monday, May 10

7:30 pm | R. Julia Andelman | ☺

For information or to be added to the group email list, contact Rabbi Julia Andelman at x142 or jandelman@pasyn.org.

☺ To RSVP, email lifelonglearning@pasyn.org or call 212-369-2600, x140.

Sponsored by Sisterhood

Sholom Aleichem Yiddish Club | Tuesday, May 11 | 1:00 pm

Join our heimish group for Yiddish conversation and culture, coffee and cake.

For information, call Florence Solomon, 212-369-3856.



Sponsored by Men's Club

Learning Service & Bagel Brunch

Sunday May 16, 2010 | 9:00 am

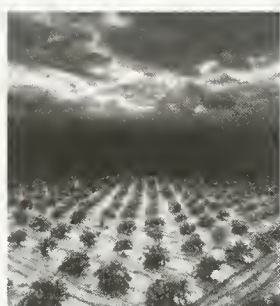
Come for a morning service tailored by the clergy especially for Men's Club. Stay for brunch and to hear our guest Rabbi Marc Wolf, Vice-Chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary, speak about "Challenging God."

Sponsored by WEG

Moonbeams

Monday, May 17 | 7:30 pm | in honor of Rosh Hodesh Sivan

For location and readings, contact Joann Rosoff at joannrosoff@aol.com.



Art

PAS Gallery

Promised Land: Photographs by Chanan Getraide

Through July

The work of internationally renowned Israeli photographer Chanan Getraide is focused on nature studies, industrial landscapes and the interaction between people and technologies. The photographs in the current exhibit capture many aspects of Israel: parched earth, rushing rivers, blossoming crops, sheep roaming in biblical landscapes, highways, and the sea.

When you come to the Synagogue, look for the exhibits in the first floor display cases sponsored by the Edmond de Rothschild Library. Changing frequently to reflect current programs and events, the exhibits often feature artifacts from the PAS Archives and material from the Library collection.



Museum Visit

Sponsored by Sisterhood

Visit to the Picasso Exhibition at the Metropolitan Museum of Art

Thursday, May 27 | 1:00 pm | \$ ①

All are welcome to join us for a guided tour of this landmark exhibition, featuring 150 paintings, drawings, sculptures, and ceramics by Pablo Picasso. All are welcome. The Metropolitan Museum of Art is located at Fifth Avenue and 82nd Street. Meet the Sisterhood group at 12:45 at the Great Hall Information Desk on the first floor. Cost: \$15/seniors; \$20/non-seniors. A member of Sisterhood will collect the money, and we will pay as a group.

\$ ① Please RSVP to Helene Agress at 212-362-1233.

Sponsored by Sisterhood

MetroNorth Region Spring Conference

Sunday, May 2 | 10:00 am | ①

MetroNorth Region of Women's League for Conservative Judaism will have its spring conference at JTS. Join with women from Conservative synagogues in Manhattan, Westchester, and Connecticut to learning and discussion of contemporary Jewish issues. Lunch included.

Sponsored by Men's Club

Men's Club Regional Dinner | \$ ①

Sunday May 2 | 6:30 pm

East Meadow Jewish Center. Join us at the NY Metropolitan Region of the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs to honor our "man" of the year, Cantor Nancy Abramson! We will help coordinate rides to Long Island.

\$ ① RSVP by April 28 to jdolinsky@nyc.rr.com. \$85/person.

Sponsored by WEG

WEG Summer Send-Off

Monday, May 10 | 6:30 pm | ①

Speaker: Professor Peggy Ellsberg – "My Jewish Journey"

Invitations to a "For Members Only" Supper at one of our homes will be mailed to all paid WEG members.

Baptized at birth, Peggy Ellsberg spent most of her life as a practicing Roman Catholic; however, her older daughter has claimed since early childhood that she "felt Jewish." Mother and daughter made a discovery last year that has changed their lives. Peggy will share her story, and her reflections on Jewish life and study.

Professor Peggy Ellsberg teaches English at Barnard. Educated at Harvard, she has published widely on Victorian Poetry, Children's Studies, horses and cowboys. She lives with her family in Northern Westchester County.

① For location information and to RSVP, please contact Joann Rosoff at Joannrosoff@aol.com or 212-348-4531.

Sponsored by JTS at PAS

JTS Garden Party

Tuesday, May 11 | 6:30 pm | in the courtyard of JTS | ①

Seeking to build community, the PAS Friends of JTS has invited three other Conservative synagogues on the East Side to join us in celebrating our connection with each other and JTS. Or Zarua, the East 55th Street Synagogue and Sutton Place Synagogue will co-sponsor the evening with PAS. We will dine under the stars, study with JTS distinguished faculty, and hear from the Rabbis of each of the participating congregations. All proceeds from the evening will benefit scholarships for JTS students. Reservations are required.

① For more information and to RSVP, please contact Lynn Schneider at lschneider@pasyn.org or 212-369-2600, x105.

Community-wide event

Salute to Israel Parade

Sunday, May 23 | Time to be announced | ①

Check www.pasyn.org for details on when and where to meet

The PAS community, led by Congregational School students in 4th grade and above, will join tens of thousands of participants and close to a million spectators for the Salute to Israel Parade – the largest event in the world celebrating the anniversary of Israel's Statehood. There will be celebrities, dignitaries, marching bands, street performers, shofar blowers, motorcycle brigades and all of us – marching up Fifth Avenue. Come march behind our banner!

① Please RSVP to Phyllis at pspiro@pasyn.org.



Congregational Shabbat Dinner with Abraham Foxman | \$ ①

Friday, May 7 | 7:30 pm

Following Musical Kabbalat Shabbat

Abraham Foxman is the National Director of the Anti-Defamation League and is a world-renowned leader in the fight against anti-Semitism, hatred, prejudice, bigotry, and discrimination.

\$ ① RSVP by Tuesday, May 4. \$35/members, \$45 non-members. Email lifelonglearning@pasyn.org with full names of all attendees, ages of any children and authorization to bill your account. Non-members must pay in advance. Babysitting available on request. Cancellations with refund (or credit toward another dinner) until noon on Thursday, May 6. For questions, call 212-369-2600, x140.

JEWISH
THEOLOGY
IN OUR TIME



Tikkun Leil Shavuot (Evening of Study)

Tuesday, May 18 | 9:00 pm

after evening services

and light dinner reception | ①

Our night of study this year will celebrate the release of *Jewish Theology in Our Time: A New*

Generation Explores the Foundations and Future of Jewish Belief, edited by Rabbi Elliot J. Cosgrove, Ph.D. The book has been hailed as “a powerful and challenging examination of what Jews can believe, by a new generation’s most dynamic and innovative thinkers – the book that will set the next stage in the development of Jewish theological thought.”

Reclaiming Shabbat | ①

Friday, May 14 | In members' homes

Immediately after Friday evening services

Reclaiming Shabbat has been such a wonderful success that we are adding an additional evening! Space is limited, and the deadline has passed, but there may yet be places available. If you would like to be a host or a guest, hurry to contact Craig at 212-369-2600, x111 or cdemarest@pasyn.org.

UJA Shabbat with John Ruskay

Saturday, May 22 | during Shabbat morning services

John Ruskay, Executive Vice President and CEO of UJA-Federation of New York, will share his vision and thoughts on how UJA-Federation and its network of over 100 agencies care for those in need, rescue those in harm's way, and renew and strengthen Jewish people in New York, Israel and around the world. This is a special opportunity to hear about *Tikkun Olam* in our own community and abroad.

John S. Ruskay has written extensively and speaks nationally on how the American Jewish community can most effectively respond to the challenges and opportunities of living in an open society, the critical role of Jewish philanthropy and the central role of community.

① RSVP There is no charge for the light dinner, but RSVP's are appreciated. Email lifelonglearning@pasyn.org or call 212-369-2600, x140.

“When your child asks you, ‘What is this?’” [Exodus 13:14]

Rabbi Zalman Rothschild, CS Teacher

On an afternoon when a rehearsal for Shabbat HaKavod cut short our regular class session, I gave my 5th-grade class a choice between sticking to our usual Hebrew lesson or raising questions relevant to Judaism. (It was off limits to ask, “Do you have a girlfriend?” or “Have you seen Avatar?”) As I expected, the students unanimously chose the Q&A option, and far more students put their hands in the air than I could possibly call on.

What surprised me, as it always does, was not the number of eager questioners, but the quality of their questions. One girl asked, “How can we be sure the Torah is true, and why should I care about what it says if it’s not?” She wasn’t wondering about metaphysical truth, but rather, whether or not Moses actually wrote the Bible, taking dictation from God. Another piped up, buttressing her classmate’s challenge, “How could Moses have written about his own death!” This is a question that concerned the classical Rabbis as well, and after thousands of years was confronted by Benedict Spinoza in his *Theological-Political Treatise*. Another student asked, “How did Moses know Hebrew? I thought he grew up in Pharaoh’s palace, and I doubt the Egyptians knew Hebrew!” As I was swiftly evaluating the probability of this student’s familiarity with Freud’s monumental

Moses and Monotheism, I heard yet another question. “Do the Orthodox really practice Judaism according to the Torah? I mean, they don’t bring sacrifices! And, why don’t we bring sacrifices today, anyhow?” All good, nay, superb, questions.

That children just above ten years old can probe so deeply and honestly into spheres often avoided by their grown-up counterparts is something I am constantly reminded of in the classroom. Children often think as maturely, in fact at times more maturely, than those triple their age. By creating a healthy environment where free expression is encouraged, we give our “young philosophers” the opportunity to voice their raw curiosity and uncompromising sincerity. As a teacher, I have come to realize that our students must be treated with immense dignity — by acknowledging their intellect and curiosity with sacred respect — if we want the best learning to take place. When children are treated maturely and taken seriously, as they should be, they learn and grow by leaps and bounds. How much more so does this apply when teaching Judaism.

Needless to say, we did not explore all their questions that day, but we will make time to address them in subsequent classes, even as we stick with our Hebrew lessons.

Tuesday, May 4 | 4:00 – 5:30 pm | In Central Park, exact location TBA | ©

Lag BaOmer Picnic and Field Games for Children & Everyone Else

On Lag BaOmer – the 33rd day of *Sefirat ha-Omer*, the counting of the days from Pesah to Shavuot – we remember Rabbi Akiva and his students, who were forbidden by the Romans to study Torah. They went out with bows and arrows and met deep in the forest to study in secret; if they were caught, they claimed they were out hunting.

Today Lag BaOmer has become a Jewish field day, with games, races, singing, and snacks. Our celebration is open to all children at PAS – students in day school, ECC, CS, and all others. (Tuesday CS students are required to attend and will receive more information from their teachers.) Registration required, so that we can plan accurately.

© RSVP to pspiro@pasyn.org.

For more information or to help with the event, contact Joanna Silver at 212-724-7972 or joannasilver@verizon.net.

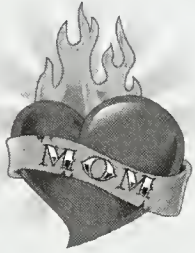
Children's + School Program Schedule

Saturday, May 1	Junior congregation and classes
	Nitzanim 10:15 – 11:00 am
Monday, May 3	Understanding the Siddur Parent Ed 5:00 – 5:45 pm Cantor Rozenfeld
Tuesday, May 4	Lag BaOmer Picnic and Field Games 4:00 pm
Saturday, May 8	Shabbat B'Yachad 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Monday, May 10	Applications due for 2010 – 2011 school year
Saturday, May 15	Junior congregation and classes
Monday, May 17	Last day of school
Tuesday, May 18	Moving-Up Ceremony (Tekkes Siyyum)
Sunday, May 23	Israel Day Parade see page 11



Jason Oppenheimer, Director

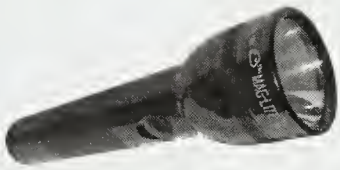
It's been an exciting year of Jewish learning, interaction and incredible fun! It's hard to believe that Spring is winding down and school will soon be over until Fall. Our High School and Youth Groups have so many positive accomplishments to reflect on, we're all excited to plan for next year building on all the great things we've done this year. Indeed we have an amazing future to look forward to at Park Avenue Synagogue, but this would not be so without the constant support of our incredible parents and lay leaders. Their leadership and enthusiasm have both enabled our ambitions and created an irreplaceable space where our uniquely talented and passionate Jewish youngsters can grow and flourish. Thank you all, so very much, for helping to make this possible.



Ruach Mother's Day Party

Sunday, May 9 | 11:00 am – 12:30 pm

We will serve brunch to our mothers and grandmothers (and other motherly guardians) and make them personalized gifts to let them know how important they are in our lives. Don't miss this Mother's Day to remember!



Kadima Spring Shul-In

May 15 – 16 | 8:00 pm Saturday to 9:00 am Sunday

This will be our blow-out end-of-the-year event. Don't miss the excitement of an overnight at the Synagogue, including flashlight tag on the roof, stargazing, s'mores, and surprises.



Rabbi Judah Nadich High School Graduation & Erev Shavuot Service

Tuesday, May 19 | 7:45 pm

It is no small achievement to complete the course of study that our teens undertake in the Synagogue's high school program. As we celebrate the festival of Shavuot, we recognize that these young adults have chosen to receive Torah and to make it their own. Come applaud their accomplishments and wish them well. *See pages 5 and 11 for more information about this evening.*



Give a Mitzvah—Do a Mitzvah for Bar/Bat Mitzvah Students

This UJA-Federation program enables students to create individualized bar/bat mitzvah projects that connect their interests to UJA-Federation's work around the world. Together with a mitzvah coordinator, students brainstorm projects, then contribute time, energy and a portion (or all) of their gifts to their special project. Many PAS children have participated in this program.

For more information, contact Brittany Wayne at wayneb@ujafedny.org or 212-836-1460.

Early Childhood Center Applications for 2011-2012

PAS member families who would like to apply to the Park Avenue Synagogue Early Childhood Center for the 2011-2012 school year are asked to call the school (212-369-2600, x151) and request an application form starting May 3, 2010.

All children who were born before April 1, 2009 are eligible for school in September 2011. The Park Avenue Synagogue Early Childhood Center adheres strictly to its cut-off dates. Families who have been active longtime members of the synagogue are given special consideration. However, because of limitations on class size and the need to balance groups in a variety of ways, membership does not guarantee acceptance.

There is an application fee of \$40 per child. The application process includes a visit and tour of the school by one or both parents and a separate visit with the child.

For the school year beginning in September 2010 there were approximately 55 openings. It will be very helpful to have some idea prior to September how many eligible member families are interested in a place for the 2011-2012 school term. This will enable us to determine how many applications from new members or non-members we will be able to accept. Thank you so much for your interest in the school and for your cooperation.

Has a young adult in your family been on a Birthright trip to Israel?

If yes, please email Jason Oppenheimer at joppenheimer@pasyn.org with the Birthright traveller's name and email address.

Cantor Abramson’s Discretionary Fund

Louis Bernstein & Barbara Weinstein, *with appreciation to Cantor Abramson for her comfort and service, and in recognition of the honor she received from Masorti Olami.*
Howard & Shereen Rutman, *in memory of Geoffrey Colvin’s mother, Phyllis Colvin.*
Howard & Shereen Rutman, *in memory of Eddie Fisher’s sister, Dr. Andrea Seitel.*
Howard & Sherecn Rutman, *in honor of Sam Edelstein’s Bar Mitzvah.*
Heidi, Rob, Michael & Max Silverstone, *in honor of Tammy Weinfeld’s “special” birthday.*

Bible Fund

Ronnie & David Parker, *in memory of his father Herman Parker.*
Ronnie & David Parker, *in honor of their wedding anniversary.*

Bikur Cholim

Louis Bernstein & Barbara Weinstein, *in honor of Anos Kaminski’s birthday.*
Louis Bernstein & Barbara Weinstein, *in honor of Rabbi Lincoln’s recovery, and with deep appreciation for his comfort and service.*
Harry Krieger, *in honor of Marlene Muskin for her help during a time of need.*
Leah & Barrie Modlin, *in honor of Lynn & Marty Halbfinger, this year’s Gala honorees.*

Graetz Israel Fund

Men’s Club, Park Avenue Synagogue.

High School Food Pantry

Cantor Nancy Abramson & Mitch Glenn, *to fulfill the mitzvot of Purim, in honor of: Rabbi Cosgrove & Family; Rabbi Rein & Family; Cantor Elana & Rafael Rozenfeld; Cantor David & Joan Lefkowitz; Rabbi David & Susan Lincoln; Rabbi Julia Andelman; Beryl Chernov; Ron Koas & Family; Carol Hendin; Marga Hirsch; and Jason Oppenheimer.*
Barry Bryer, *in memory of his beloved mother Sally Bryer.*
Early Childhood Center, Parents’ Association
Anita Gluck, Freema and Sheera, *in memory of A. Stanley Gluck, a beloved husband, father and friend.*
Anita Gluck & Family, *in memory of Bill Strum.*
Dr. Samuel & Anne Katz.
Sharon Oberman, *in memory of her beloved father Aaron Land.*
Ruth Rothseid, *in honor of Lynn & Martin Halbfinger.*
Ruth Rothseid, *in memory of her beloved father Albert Rothseid.*
Mara Safra, *in memory of Richard Siegal.*

Liturgical Music Fund

Babette Hoexter Balis, *in memory of her beloved father Walter Hoexter.*
Elaine Cole, Eric Balis & Elliot Balis, *in memory of our grandpa Walter.*
Louis Bernstein & Barbara Weinstein, *in honor of their wedding anniversary.*
Louis Bernstein & Barbara Weinstein, *in honor of Lou’s birthday.*
Louis Bernstein & Barbara Weinstein, *in honor of the marriage of Simon Lincoln.*
Louis Bernstein & Barbara Weinstein, *in honor of the marriage of Cantor Elana Cohen and Raphael Rozenfeld.*
Dr. Philip & Marlene Muskin, *in appreciation to our wonderful Cantors. Thank you for a splendid uplifting evening.*

Albert & Rachel Murad Memorial Scholarship Fund

Doris & Henry Murad, *in honor of their great grandson Jonathan William.*

Nursery School Fund

Purple PM Families, *in memory of Celia “Gigi” Fish, great grandmother of Gabriel and Ezra Furstenberg.*

Prayer Book Fund

Susan Joy Amster, *in memory of Ezra Denerstein, on his Yahrzeit.*

James P. Robbins Fund

James P. Robbins, *in memory of his wife Barbara Grad Robbins.*

Tikkun Olam Committee for Community Outreach

Ruth Ezra, *in honor of her birthday.*

Welfare Fund

Louis Bernstein & Barbara Weinstein, *in honor of the birth of Ari Lev Rein.*
Louis Bernstein & Barbara Weinstein, *in memory of Deborah Cosgrove’s grandmother, Mildred C. Stern.*
Louis Bernstein & Barbara Weinstein, *in memory of Dr. Andrew Goldberg Schultz’s father, Dr. Robert Schultz.*
Louis Bernstein & Barbara Weinstein, *in memory of Barbara’s father Murray Jack Weinstein.*
Louis Bernstein & Barbara Weinstein, *in memory of Phyllis and Arthur Colvin.*
Louis Bernstein & Barbara Weinstein, *in honor of Richard Green, Hatan Torah.*
Milton Fuchs, *in memory of his beloved father Samuel Fuchs.*
Milton Fuchs, *in memory of his beloved mother Lillian Fuchs.*
Patricia Fuchs, *in memory of her beloved grandfather Jacob Bayer.*
Patricia Fuchs, *in memory of her beloved aunt Estelle Kratka.*

Yiddish Club Fund

Florence Solomon, *in honor of Esther Abramson on her birthday.*



Synagogue Offerings

Robert Adler, *in memory of his beloved mother Vivian Adler.*
Blanche Agisim, *in honor of her birthday.*
Arthur Ainsberg, *in memory of his beloved mother Zelda Ainsberg.*
Clarence Barasch, *in memory of his beloved mother Bertha L. Barasch.*
Marilyn Berman, *in memory of her beloved father and mother, Jerome & Florence Solomon.*
Ernestine Bernstein, *in memory of her beloved father Alexander Wolf.*
Lori Bilkis, *in honor of her birthday.*
Lori Bilkis, *in memory of her beloved mother Madeline D’Amato.*
Dr. Ronald Bland, *in memory of his beloved father Samuel Bland.*
E.J. Borrack, *in honor of Noah Martin’s Bar Mitzvah.*
Sonia Breindel, *in memory of her beloved son Eric Breindel.*
Dr. Matilda Brust, *in memory of her beloved son Daniel Brust.*
Clive & Bonnie Chajet, *in honor of their anniversary.*
Wallace Chavkin, *in memory of his beloved father Nathan Louis Chavkin.*
Wallace Chavkin, *in honor of his birthday.*
Sherry Cohen, *in honor of Irene Eisenberg on her 100th birthday.*
David & Kathy Cook.
Linda Daitz, *in memory of her beloved father William Rosenberg.*
Irene Eisenberg, *in honor of her 100th birthday.*
Helen Erlich, *in memory of her beloved husband Murry Erlich.*
Elizabeth Feiner, *in memory of her beloved mother Pearl Cooper.*
Myra Freed, *in memory of her beloved father William Herzl Freed.*
Beth Furman, *in memory of Barbara Robbins.*
Phyllis Gallahou, *in memory of her beloved husband Murray Gallahou.*
Marilyn Garcy, *in memory of her beloved father Irving Staum.*
Harold Geringer, *in memory of his beloved father Nathan Geringer.*
Howard Goldschein, *in memory of his beloved father Josef Goldschein.*
Nadine Habousha & Ed Cohen, *in honor of Lou Bernstein’s birthday.*
Steven Hirth, *in memory of his beloved father Emanuel Hirth.*
Shelley Holm, *in memory of her beloved father Murry Erlich.*
Carol Hyman, *in memory of her beloved mother Ann Davis.*
Alan Jacobs, *in memory of his beloved mother Shirley Jacobs.*
Carol Judelson, *in memory of her beloved mother and father, Fay & William Reinisch.*
Mark Kirsch, *in memory of his beloved grandmother Eva Kirsch.*
Janet Kramer, *in memory of her beloved father Irving Rosenfeld.*
Dorothy Lang, *in loving memory of her husband Joseph Lang.*
Stephanie Later, *in memory of her beloved sister Patricia Later Corn.*
Cantor David & Joan Lefkowitz, *in memory of her beloved father Irving J. Mintzer.*
Leona Leon, *in loving memory of her father David Benjamin on his Yahrzeit.*
Phyllis Leventhal, *in loving memory of her beloved father, Dr. Leo Braun.*
Marian Levitt, *in honor of Lynn & Martin Halbfinger.*
Dr. Sylvia Liff, *in memory of my dear father Isidore Barchenko.*
Brigitte Lonner, *in honor of her birthday.*
Jonathan Merrill, *in memory of his beloved mother Evelyn Cordish Merrill.*
Lisa Miller, *in memory of her beloved father Sidney Applebaum.*
Sheila Miller, *in memory of her beloved mother Anne Baker.*
Rita Ungar Moser, *in memory of her beloved mother Jerry Ungar.*
Janet Moss, *in memory of her beloved son Oscar Fruchtman.*
Janet Moss, *in honor of her birthday.*
Dr. Susan Murkofsky, *in memory of her beloved father William Sherkow.*
Herbert Nadler, *in memory of his beloved mother Mary Nadler.*
Morris Orden, *in honor of his birthday.*
John & Rachel Philipp, *in honor of their birthdays.*
Ruth Pordy, *in honor of her birthday.*
Robert Price, *in memory of his beloved mother Frances Price.*
Madeleine Redlich, *in honor of her birthday.*
Robert Rifkind, *in memory of his beloved mother Adele Rifkind.*
Phyllis Rosenberg, *in memory of her beloved mother Sylvia Weiss Moreida.*
Arnold & Lite Sabin, *in honor of Rose & Jack Less on their 70th wedding anniversary.*
Dr. Janet Weisberg-Samuels, *in honor of her birthday.*
Florence Seligman, *in memory of her beloved father-in-law Nathan Seligman.*
Sylvia Shulman, *in memory of her beloved mother Celia Weinstein.*
Esther Silver, *in memory of her beloved mother Pauline Altfeld.*
Sheldon & Doris Siskin, *in honor of their anniversary.*
Sisterhood of Park Avenue Synagogue, *in celebration of the 100th birthday of Irene Eisenberg, a cherished member.*
Karen & Spencer Smul, *in memory of Dr. Andrea Seitel, loving sister of Eddie & Vivian Fisher.*
Ernest Stern, *in memory of his beloved mother Henny Stern.*
Jane & Harvey, Chuck & Wynne, and Beryl Susswein, *in honor of Rose and Jack Less on their 70th anniversary.*
Bernice Tannenbaum, *in memory of her beloved husband Nathan Tannenbaum.*
Bernice Tannenbaum, *in memory of her father and mother, Isidore Franklin and Muriel Franklin Margolis.*
Rosalyn Tauber, *in memory of Shlomo Tauber, grandfather of Susan Silverman, Judy Poss and David B. Brous.*
Nancy Treiger, *in memory of her beloved mother Ann Davis.*
Nancy Treiger, *in memory of her beloved aunt Betty Rosenfeld.*
Eve Urvater, *in memory of her beloved mother Rona Feuer.*
Marvin Weinberg, *in honor of his birthday.*
Jodi & Charles Yellen, *in memory of Dr. Andrea Seitel.*
Ellen Yuder, *in memory of her beloved father Larry Davidman.*
Marlene Zausner, *thank you for all you provide to everyone at the Synagogue.*
Ilane Zivitofsky, *in memory of her beloved mother Brenda Silverman.*

ANY CHANGES ARE NOTED WHEN THEY OCCUR.

Daily Shaharit Minyanim Monday – Friday at 7:15 am;
Sunday & Legal Holidays at 9:00 am.

Minha/Ma'ariv Sunday – Thursday at 5:45 pm.
Minha Service on Shabbat (Saturday) and Festivals begins
20 minutes after end of morning service.

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Coming In Early June



Shabbat Dinner Special for College Students, High School Upperclassmen, and their Families

Israel on the College Campus: Battlefield or Field of Dreams:

An Evening with Rabbi Chaim Seidler-Feller, UCLA Hillel Executive Director | \$

Friday, June 4 | 7:15 pm, following Kabbalat Shabbat Services

Many in the Jewish community are convinced that American universities are seething with anti-Semitism and are hotbeds of anti-Israel activism. Rabbi Seidler-Feller will examine the accuracy of this assertion from the perspective of a campus professional, presenting a nuanced portrait that is both troubling and hopeful. This evening is an opportunity for our college student members to learn how to deal with these issues when they return to school, as well as a chance for our new grads and rising

seniors (11th & 12th graders) to learn what they may encounter on campus. Parents, come find out how to support your student's efforts to stake out a Jewish existence away from home.

Rabbi Chaim Seidler-Feller is in his 34th year as director of UCLA Hillel. He loves the constant challenges presented by students who consistently and persistently ask the most interesting questions. R. Seidler-Feller was ordained at Yeshiva University where he also earned a Masters Degree in Rabbinic Literature. He has taught Kabbalah and Talmud at the University of Judaism, is a Fellow of the Shalom Hartman Institute for Advanced Jewish Studies in Jerusalem, and is a member of the Academic Advisory Board of the Wilstein Institute for Social Policy. He is also a member of the faculty of the Wexner Heritage Foundation and a Lehman Faculty Fellow at the Brandeis-Bardin Institute.

For more information about the program, please contact Jason Oppenheimer at joppenheimer@pasyn.org or 212-369-2600, x141.

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